



Testimony provided jointly to the Environment and Transportation Committees of the
Connecticut General Assembly
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RE: S.B. No. 4; Clean Air Act and Emissions Related Bills

Dear Chairs Haskell and Lemar, Chairs Cohen and Gresko, and honorable members of the
Transportation and Environment committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding S.B. No. 4, an Act Concerning The
Connecticut Clean Air Act.

Getaround is a global and digital marketplace that connects car owners with people who need
safe, convenient and affordable vehicles to live and work. It's free to join, there are no monthly
fees, and it's completely contactless: our patented Getaround Connect technology allows
Guests to book cars on-demand without standing in line or meeting in person to pick up keys.
Getaround provides insurance during trips, and our platform enables Hosts – car owners who
share their cars on Getaround's platform – to supplement their incomes. Getaround launched in
Connecticut in 2021, and we anticipate further growth across the state this year.

When cars are affordable and accessible to everyone, communities benefit from the increased
economic activity that comes with improved mobility. But peer-to-peer car sharing also has
significant environmental and community benefits. Sharing a single car can take as many as 10
cars off the road, which means fewer accidents, less traffic, more available parking on
Connecticut streets, and increased utilization of public transit and other commuting options. Car
sharing helps the environment by accelerating the adoption of more energy-efficient vehicles,
and by reducing emissions: **studies show that when car sharing is available, household
emissions can be reduced by up to 40%.**

Just as S.B. No. 4 would direct Connecticut's Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
Protection to establish a rebate program designed to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient
vehicles, Connecticut's communities and environment would greatly benefit from the

committees making similar incentives available to residents who participate in peer-to-peer car sharing. Together, peer-to-peer car sharing 'Hosts' (those who own cars and make them available to others through platforms like Getaround) and 'Guests' (those who book cars through peer-to-peer platforms on an hourly or daily basis) help ensure smarter and more efficient use of cars throughout their communities, and contribute to reducing the widespread individual automobile ownership that harms the environment and crowds Connecticut streets. Every Connecticut resident who signs up with Getaround or another peer-to-peer car sharing platform represents a step towards a greener and healthier Connecticut, and we believe policymakers should be doing all they can to encourage that participation.

We respectfully urge committee members to consider the environmental and community benefits of peer-to-peer car sharing as they continue working to ensure a better and healthier future for Connecticut.

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